



STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Governor

Viola P. Miller
Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Tennessee Schools

FROM: Dr. Viola Miller, Commissioner, Department of Children's Services
Dr. Lana Seivers, Commissioner, Department of Education

DATE: January 3, 2006

SUBJECT: Contacts at DCS for Suspensions, Expulsions, and Filed Petitions

The Department of Children's Services (DCS) has entered into a resolution agreement with the Office of Civil Rights relating to the rights of foster children with disabilities under Title II, Section 504, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). As part of this agreement, DCS is requesting that Local Education Agencies (LEAs) contact the DCS Educational Specialist when students (with or without an identified disability):

- Have allegedly committed an offense that may result in a suspension of 10 or more days.
- Have had a petition filed against them by the school or school system.

Once you have contacted the DCS Educational Specialists, they will be requesting information from you for documentation purposes. We are asking that you provide the information that they need in order to meet their obligations to the OCR. In addition, since the Educational Specialists may have knowledge or special expertise regarding the students in question, we encourage you to include them in IEP meetings and/or manifestation hearings whenever possible.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation. Attached is a list of the DCS Educational Specialists, the counties they serve, and their telephone numbers. If you have any questions, please contact them or do not hesitate to call the DCS Education Division at (615) 741-9211.

Tennessee Department of Children's Services
Education Specialists
By Region

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Specialists	County		Specialists	County	
Susan Brown Southeast 1501 Riverside Drive, Suite 105 Chattanooga, TN 37406 (423) 493-5944 Fax: (423) 634-7729 Susan.E.Brown@state.tn.us	Bledsoe Bradley Franklin Grundy Marion	McMinn Meigs Polk Rhea Sequatchie	Mary Lyell Knox County 3712 Middlebrook Pike. Knoxville, TN 37921 (865) 594-7101 ext # 17 Fax: (865) 637-8824 Mary.Lyell@state.tn.us	Knox County	
Stephen Headley South Central 1400 College Park Drive, Suite A Columbia, TN 38401 (931) 490-6067 Fax: (931) 490-6118 (931) 380-5951 #6067 Stephen.Headley@state.tn.us	Bedford Coffee Giles Hickman Lawrence Lewis	Lincoln Marshall Maury Moore Perry Wayne	Kendra Taggart Southwest 33 Old Hickory Blvd. East Jackson, TN 38305 (731) 426-0807 Fax: (731) 423-6519 Kendra.Taggart@state.tn.us	Chester Decatur Fayette Hardeman Hardin	Haywood Henderson Lauderdale Madison McNairy Tipton
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Rebecca Whitehead Upper Cumberland 1300 Salem Rd. Cookeville, TN 38506 (931) 646-3028 Fax : (931) 528-2136 Rebecca.Whitehead@state.tn.us	Cannon Clay Cumberland DeKalb Fentress Jackson Macon	Overton Pickett Putnam Smith Warren White Van Buren	Joy Olexa Northwest P.O. Box 368 1604 W. Reelfoot Ave. Union City, TN 38281 (731) 884-9015 #102 Fax (731) 884-2681/884-2680 Joy.Olexa@state.tn.us	Benton Carroll Crockett	Dyer Gibson Henry Lake Obion Weakley
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